The Bluebook

This is the style manual used to cite legal documents. The links below will show you how to correctly cite cases, statutes, and other legal documents using the Bluebook style.

Basic Formats & Examples

Case Citation

Model
Party Name v. Party Name, Volume Reporter Page (Court Year) (parenthetical).

Example

Typeface
Court Documents: Only the Party Names are underlined (excluding the comma). Remember every citation sentence must end with a period.
Law Reviews: Do not underline party names, but italicize procedural phrases.

Statutory Citation

Model
(wide variations occur between jurisdictions) Statute (year)

Example

Typeface
Court Documents: Nothing is underlined.
Law Reviews: Use small caps for the statutory abbreviation.

Article Citation

Model for consecutively paginated articles
Author(s), Title, Periodical Name (year) (parenthetical).

**Model for non-consecutively paginated articles**

Author(s), Title, Periodical Name, Date of Issue, at Page.

**Examples**


**Typeface**

**Court Documents:** Underline the article title.

**Law Reviews:** Italicize titles and small caps for the periodical title.

These examples are taken from "A Bluebook Guide for Law Students" posted by Suffolk University Law School.

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